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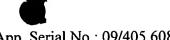
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**AMENDMENT** 

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above RECEIVED identified application as follows.

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## IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claims 1 and 39, as shown in the attached "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made," to read as follows:

(Amended) In an interface device operatively coupled to an internal bus of an origin server, a method for managing connections between at least one client and said origin server, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a network connection with one of said clients via a network;

receiving a communication from said client via said network connection;

establishing a bus connection with said origin server via an internal bus of said server;

and

forwarding said client communication to said origin server via said bus connection.

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39. (Amended) An adapter card for operatively coupling to an internal bus of an origin

server for managing origin server communication with a network, said adapter card comprising:

a network controller for communicating with clients on said network;

a memory device for storing data and code, said code including a reverse proxy

application;

a processing unit coupled to said memory device for executing said code; and

a protocol adapter coupled to said processing unit, and adapted to couple to said internal

bus of said origin server, for communicating with said origin server.